

## I. INTRODUCTION

Safe, efficient transportation has for many years been a primary goal. Fewer construction funds and higher driving costs and construction costs have made road improvements more innovative and selective. Because of the many problems that exist right now, planning has a tendency to become very near sighted, thus failing to incorporate short range plans into long range concepts. This is one of the basic reasons for having a thoroughfare plan and for keeping it up to date.

The existing thoroughfare plan for Salisbury was developed based on a study that was completed in 1974. This system was designed to carry traffic through the year 1995. In 1979 a minor revision was made to change the Outer Loop alignment between SR 1911 and US 70 to avoid a new school.

Some of the major improvements that have been built since 1971 are listed below:

1. Brenner Avenue - Horah Street to Wilkesboro Road
2. Statesville Boulevard - North of Main Street to Concord Road
3. Innes Street - widening from Clay Street to Green Street
4. Bringle Ferry Road - widening
5. Long Street - widening from Innes Street to Horah Street

The primary purpose of this study is to update the 1974 study in light of changes over the past decade. Using recent street and land use changes, future projections were made for 2005 and revisions to the existing plan were developed. These changes are listed on page 23 and shown in Figure 7.